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U. S. Department of Transportation Establishes Port Security Grants For Critical National Seaports

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is announcing the Port Security Grants Program based on the seaport security provisions contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107-117, H.R. Conf. Rpt 107-350). TSA is coordinating with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) in this effort.

TSA is planning to award competitive grants to critical national seaports to finance the cost of enhancing facility and operational security. Grants shall be awarded based on the need for security assessments and enhancements as determined by the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security, the Administrator of the Maritime Administration, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

All grant applications will be submitted, evaluated, awarded (if selected) and administered electronically through www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net. Concurrently, the Broad Agency Announcement will be published in FedBizOpps and applicable trade magazines. To apply, applicants must provide the following regardless of the category applying for:

1. Access www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net to review the announcement and all pertinent related information.
2. Complete the pre-application form. Upon submission of the preapplication form, applicants will be notified that their submission has been received. Completion of the pre-application form is required to receive a log-in and temporary password for final application submission.
3. Applicants will be notified electronically when final applications can be submitted, including information regarding format and acceptable attachments. All required OMB form information will be available electronically.
4. Upon completion of the evaluation process by MARAD and the USCG, applicants will be notified electronically regarding the conclusion of the selection.

For additional information please call Lieutenant Commander Roy Owens of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, Jacksonville at (904) 232-2640 or at the below website.

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